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Group Art Unit: 1761

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of Correction

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.323 Applicant respectfully requests the Commissioner for a Certificate of Correction for the above-identified U.S. Patent incorporating the following change:

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In the Claims:

8. The method of claim 1, heating further comprising heating the curd comprising heating the curd with a closed system processor.

REMARKS

The above correction deletes the second instance of "comprising heating the curd" in claim 8. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.323, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner to issue a Certificate of Correction for U.S. Patent No. 6,998,145, which incorporates the above-identified correction to the claim 8. PTO Form 44 showing the change is enclosed herewith. The correction to this claim does not present any new matter since it deletes a duplicate instance of this limitation.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the petition fee in the amount of \$100.00 pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.20(a) to cover Petition for Certificate of Correction fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2518, Docket No. 703131-2001. The undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees due for the filing of these papers to Bingham McCutchen LLP Deposit Account 50-2518 Docket No. 703131-2001. Please credit any overpayments to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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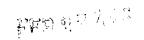
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Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent are the following:

- 1. Petition for Certificate of Correction pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.322 (4 pages);
- 2. Certificate of Correction (PTO Form SB/44) (1 page) in duplicate; and
- 3. Return receipt postcard.

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In claim 8, col. 9, line 29, please delete

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